

Nazi Exchange Students

TO THE NEW MASSES:

A DEVICE more subtle than the local Bunds is being used to spread Nazi propaganda in this country. German students, sent here on an exchange basis, are abusing the hospitality of American universities by using them as centers from which to disseminate Hitler's ideology. I cite, in proof of this, an experience with a German exchange student in my own institution.

German exchange students insist with a frankness and a disregard for truth, which only diligent pupils of Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels can possess, that they have nothing to do with propaganda. They forget to explain that all German exchange students in this country are chosen because they are the most ardent Nazis and the most able propagandists of the thousands of students at home.

I finally learned the truth about German exchange students. One day I asked my Nazi friend, Miss Elisabeth Noelle, "Why don't you make some propaganda for the Nazis over here; won't that make a good impression home in Germany?" "Ach, no," she answered, "we are supposed to do that anyway."

Miss Noelle is very proud that she was invited to a tea party all alone with Hitler before she went over to perform her patriotic task in America. She often tells about the winning personality of the Austrian paper-hanger. Most of the exchange students had a chance to see *Der Schöne Adolf* in privacy before they went across the ocean, she said.

Having attended a special exchange-student camp in Berlin, the chosen patriots are let loose upon America. Whether or not they themselves believe what they tell American students about the wonderful work of Hitler in Germany—about his love of peace, and about the bad features of democracy—it is difficult to say.

Here are quoted examples of Miss Noelle's work: "American journalists (except the few who write nicely—that is, the truth—about Germany) are propagandists, hired by Jews. They never relate the truth. They make up stories about Germany."

"Germany arms less than any other European power." This is another statement from Miss Noelle. She insists Hitler spends almost all Germany's money for rehabilitation. If people dare deny that Germany spends very little money for armaments, Miss Noelle says: "Just look at the armament figures in the *New York Times*. They prove that Germany spends almost no money on armaments."

"The idea of internationalism is childish and impossible," Miss Noelle says, parroting Hitler's words in his book, *Mein Kampf*. She wonders how anybody can believe in internationalism. She passed that juvenile stage long ago, she says. After all, how can one dream of equality between Germans—born to rule—and such scrap as Chinese, Americans, and Frenchmen?

"Don't be feminine," Miss Noelle told me once when I talked about the sufferings of Spanish and Chinese civilians. She explained that war is a necessity. And blood—even innocent blood—has to flow in a war. That is only natural, she said. One must recognize that stronger nations will strike if the weaker will not bend their necks.

Yes, Miss Noelle does not care about sufferings. Her fatherland is everything to her, she explains. She is happy that Germany is strong again. She knows that one must be ready to die when Hitler lifts his hand. She is ready; all Germany is ready.

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